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Office Action Summary

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Steve Alvo

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 16-30, 32-45 and 47-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 16-30, 32-45 and 47-60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/ISB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Claims 1-14, 16-30, 32-⁴⁵~~4~~ and 47-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 96/41917 as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of LINDAHL.


WO 96/41917 teaches bleaching mechanical pulp (see Field of the Invention) with 1-5% peroxide in the absence of silicate and sodium hydroxide using 0.3 to 2% MgO, based on the weight of the pulp, having large particle surface areas to obtain a high ISO brightness at high bleaching efficiency. The MgO of WO 96/41917 is added prior to or simultaneously with the peroxide. WO 96/41917 further teaches that the pulp can be pretreated with a chelating agent to remove detrimental metal ions from the pulp, see page 3, 6th full paragraph. LINDAHL teaches the alternativeness of adding MgO or Mg hydroxide to peroxide bleach liquor. It would have been obvious to use the alternative magnesium hydroxide of LINDAHL for the MgO of WO 96/41917. It would have been obvious to use the bleach conditions of LINDAHL for the peroxide bleach conditions. See column LINDAHL, 4, lines 12-14 for temperature of 45 to 65 °C for 2 to 5 hours; column 2, lines 14 for a pH of 8.5; column 3, lines 16-15 for adding the chelating agent prior to the bleaching stage.

The Canadian Patent has been dropped as Applicant has pointed out that a 131 Declaration was filed to overcome the reference.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steve Alvo whose telephone number is 571-272-1185. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:45 AM - 2:15 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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